

Introduction to the Dilemma Game

A free, independent, and critical press is one of the cornerstones of democracy. But what does such a press look like?

What is the role of journalism, what should it be capable of, and why does journalism play a role in democracy? These are some of the questions that this Dilemma Game seeks to discuss.

In a time when polarization, news avoidance, and fake news have become part of the conversation, it is important to understand the significance of journalism and discuss the role it plays in the way we perceive one another.

In this game, we have spoken with ordinary journalists who, every day, choose the stories that Danes encounter where they get their news.

We have selected 3 stories that have been made public in the Danish press, and we hear the journalists' considerations about the angle they chose for the story.

The game is structured as follows:

Introduction

The introduction provides a brief presentation of journalism and an outline of some of the challenges that the media face today.

Then, Dilemma 1, Part 1, begins.

Dilemma 1 A story about climate change and the green transition.

Part 1 Outlines the two angles that a specific journalist is considering for covering the green transition. After Part 1, there is a pause where students discuss which of the two angles they believe is the most important to pursue. Once they have chosen an angle, Part 2 begins.

Part 2 Here, the journalist explains the choice they made and why. There is then an opportunity to discuss whether one agrees with the arguments the journalist made for their choice. This process is similarly applied to the other two dilemmas.

Dilemma 2 A story from a vulnerable housing area.

Dilemma 3 A story about a shortage of doctors in rural areas of Denmark.

Below is more information about the challenges faced by journalism today:

www.gapminder.org

An independent Swedish organization working to break down the false prejudices about the state of the world.

www.ted.com

Find the TED Talk titled "How Not to Be Ignorant About the World" by Gapminder founders Hans and Ola Rosling.

www.reutersinstitute.politics.ox.ac.uk

On the Reuters Institute's website, you can find the annual Digital News Report, which provides an overview of how social media and the press are developing worldwide.

www.constructiveinstitute.org

An independent organization working to create a global constructive journalism movement.